

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-30 are pending and subject to restriction and/or election requirement. In this response, claims 3, 5, 7-8, 14-17, 19-23, and 26-30 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim, in full, clear, concise, and exact terms, the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect Species A (Figs. 1-2) for further prosecution. It is respectfully submitted that all claims 1-30 are readable on the elected species.

For example, limitations of independent claims 1, 17, and 24 are fully supported by Figs. 1-2 and their corresponding description (see, e.g., the corresponding PCT application, pages 5-6).

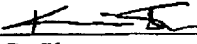
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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